

WFA/OC-158-58
18 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI for Planning
and Development

SUBJECT: Followup on our Discussion of 117L Advisory
Committee Meeting in Los Angeles

1. During our discussion on 8 August of the 117L Advisory Committee Meeting which was held in Los Angeles 8-10 July 1958, we centered attention on three areas of interest:

- a. A candid view of the 117L Program.
- b. Names of USAF personnel connected with 117L who might profit the national interest most from a knowledge of our experience with the "T" System.
- c. Acceleration of the process for obtaining proposals for Data Handling from such companies as Itek.

2. I would now report briefly the following:

a. An unofficial draft copy of the 117L Advisory Committee Chairman Harry Goode's report has been obtained and was forwarded to you as an enclosure to my memorandum to the DD/I, dated 12 August 1958. As I noted on your copy, the report is a rather candid observation of the 117L Program and it might be even more effective for your purpose than something written by me. Or perhaps you might want or me to expand upon some problem areas which interest you most.

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b. As far as recommending the names of USAF personnel connected with 117L who might profit the national interest most from a briefing into our "T" System, I hesitate to invade this prerogative of the USAF. I believe that Brig. Gen. Rittland USAF at BMD and Col. Macia USAF at AFPCIN might have the largest stake and responsibility in this matter. It would seem to me that such men as Major Weinberg USAF, BMD, Mr. Francis Kelly of RADC Contracting Office, and possibly Mr. Robert Shatz of the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory could add a great deal to their experience from an introduction to the "T" System and thereby could offer much to the 117L Program.

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c. To accelerate the proposal from Ittek for Data Handling, [redacted] from HTA-PIC sent to Boston on 14 August and discussed the problem with [redacted]. It was agreed that certain key people at Ittek would have to be cleared into the exploitation system and correspondingly you will soon be receiving a letter from Ittek naming the 4 or 5 personnel who would be working on the preparation of perhaps two proposals — One for the immediate adaptation or supplementing of HTA procedures and the second for the most comprehensive and idealized long term program.

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3. It is suggested that there may be need of some discussion and agreement as to just what role or authority TSS might have in accepting monitoring and approving contracts related to Photographic Data Extraction Systems and particularly information handling as a corollary of internal management of HTA. I am sure that this can be worked out with TSS representatives but I must state that I would be reluctant to accept any plan whereby my highly qualified R & D specialists in photographic intelligence, and in day to day working contact with the problems and achievements at HTA, would be eliminated from contacts with industrial representatives and the right to participate in preparation of requirements and the review and acceptance of proposals.

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